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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is the sales-tax on tinned milk or mother's milk, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. It is cow's milk and not the milk which the hon. member is referring to.

* 2818 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a representation, dated 30th May 1955 from Panangad Coconut-Jaggery Producers Co-operative Society, South Malabar, for exempting them from payment of sales-tax for the year 1954–55; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know, Sir, whether the Government will expedite consideration?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes. All considerations are generally being expedited.

Barapuzha Project

* 2819 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have investigated the irrigational possibilities in Malabar of the Barapuzha Project?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The proposed project is located in the Coorg State and the question of investigating its irrigational possibilities in Malabar does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, although the project may be situated in the Coorg State, since its benefits may flow into the neighbouring areas, may I know whether the Government have investigated from that angle?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Yes, Sir. We have to investigate from every angle. Perhaps the proposed Kerala State may tackle the question.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : As the matter been represented to the Government of Madras and as the Madras Government were pleased to investigate with regard to the rivers in the Travancore-Cochin State where without coming to any expert opinion fifty-six lakhs of rupees have been allotted, will the Government see that the scheme is pushed through because it will go a long way to help Malabar?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : No. We have not investigated nor do we propose to investigate it. Because, as I have already pointed out, the Kerala State to be formed will be the fit Government to tackle this problem.